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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Patent Application of:  
Luciano A. Gonzales, *et al.*

Conf. No.: 4058

Group Art Unit: 1724

Appln. No.: 10/689,937

Examiner: Ivars C. Cintins

Filing Date: October 21, 2003

Attorney Docket No.: 054034-1US  
(34111-0489)

Title: Method and Apparatus for Oil Spill Containment

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Substitute Specification.

☐ Small Entity status:

☐ has previously been claimed/established.

☐ is hereby claimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.27, as ☐ an Independent Inventor, or ☐ a Small Business Concern, or ☐ a Non-Profit Organization.

The additional claim fees have been calculated as follows:

					SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	32	(-)	31	1	x25		x50	50
INDEP.	5	(-)	5	0	x100		x200	
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					TOTAL		TOTAL	50

The additional claim fees are being paid by:

- ☒ [X] A check in the amount of \$50.00.
- ☒ [X] Authorization to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 054034.0001) as noted below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ [X] Any overpayments or deficiencies in the above-calculated fee.
- ☐ [] Additional claim fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_.00 as calculated above.
- ☒ [X] Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17.
- ☒ [X] In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required, but not submitted, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to our Deposit Account.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND  
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2005 (Paper No. 20051210).  
This response is being timely submitted by March 19, 2006, in view of the simultaneous submission of a Petition for Extension of Time for two months and the appropriate fee.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

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